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SUMMARY: THREE DAY SYMPOSIUM ENDED JULY 27. PAPERS
READ BY SEVERAL INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS.
THEMES VARY FROM EXPLANATORY TO CONDEMNATORY OF ZIONISM.
PARTICIPANT CLAIMS ATTEMPT MADE BY PARTICIPANTS
TO TREAT SUBJECT MATTER OBJECTIVELY. END SUMMARY.

1. THREE DAY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ZIONISM AND
RACISM ENDED HERE IN TRIPOLI JULY 27. DURING ITS
SEVEN SESSIONS SEVERAL PROMINENT INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED ACADEMIC PERSONALITIES READ PAPERS ON
ASPECTS OF JUDAISM AND ZIONISM. PROMINENT AMONGST
AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WERE DR. ALFRED LILIENTHAL, AND
FATHER JOSEPH RYAN. LILIENTHAL AND RYAN BOTH READ
PAPERS QUESTION OF WHETHER JUDAISM IS ETHNIC PHENOMENA
OF ALL JEWS BEING "ONE PEOPLE," AND PURPOSE OF "JUDENSTAAT."

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2. PAPERS WERE READ BY INDIVIDUALS ON SUCH THEMES AS "SETTLER-COLONIALISM" NATURE OF ZIONISM BY IAN STANCO AND GURY BAJAIT; ZIONISM AS "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT" BY NILS BULENSCHON AND IBRAHIM LEGWELL; "PALESTINIAN OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM AND JEWISH OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM" BY HATIM HUSSEINI AND DR. GARY V. SMITH; JEWISH IMMIGRATION BY ALFRED LILIEN-THAL; RELATIONS BETWEEN "JUDENSTAAT" AND DISAPORA BY DR. W. HOLLSTEIN; "EXPULSION OF PALESTINIANS IN 1948" BY DR. A. C. FORREST AND DR. CLOVIS MACSOUD. PAPERS WERE ALSO READ ON ISRAELI/SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS BY PROF. RICHARD STEVENS AND EMILLIC MEMENDEZ DEL VALLE.

3. ACCORDING TO CLOVIS MACSOUD MOST PARTICIPANTS MADE CONCERTED EFFORT TO DISCUSS THEMES IN INTELLECTUAL ATMOSPHERE OF OBJECTIVITY. AS EXPECTED OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND ARAB PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED DIDACTICS CONVEYING ZIONISM AS SERVING IMPERIALISM AND RACIALISM. AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT WHILE ACADEMICIANS WERE REASONABLY OBJECTIVE THEY FOUND OBJECTIONABLE CONSTANT CRITICISM OF U.S. AS AN IMPERIALISTIC COUNTRY. EGREGIOUS CUBAN PARTICIPANT WAS PARTICULARLY OBNOXIOUS IN REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO RELATION TO U.S. AS PRIME EXAMPLE OF IMPERIALISM.

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